

ROOSEVELT BOOM WORRIES THEM

La Follette Leaders Fear Colonel Is Working With Taft.

SUSPECT HIS ACTIONS

Believes Strength Will Be Turned Over to the President.

Washington, D. C., December 24.—La Follette leaders are in distress over the growth of the Roosevelt boom in the West. Back in their minds lurks a suspicion to which they are not giving utterance that possibly in due season the Roosevelt strength may be turned over to the President. They do not openly charge the Colonel with working hand in glove with the supporters of the President, but they fear that when the time comes for Roosevelt to announce that he will not accept a nomination—and they believe such an announcement will inevitably be made—the Roosevelt forces will line up behind Mr. Taft.

The La Follette leaders view with alarm recent developments in the West. They point to the petition that has been filed with the Secretary of State of Nebraska that the name of Theodore Roosevelt be placed upon the official ballot to vote for the forthcoming presidential preference primaries in that State. They are also concerned over the situation in North and South Dakota and Oregon, where there is a good deal of La Follette sentiment. North Dakota and Oregon have presidential preference primary laws. The primary in North Dakota will be held in March, and North Dakota Republicans will thus have the first opportunity to indicate their choice among the various candidates whose names have been mentioned.

Managers of the La Follette movement have been hopeful of obtaining an expression in the North Dakota and Nebraska primaries that would be favorable to the Wisconsin Senator. The injection of Colonel Roosevelt's name into the politics of these two States may seriously upset their plans. La Follette, particularly in Oregon, is strong for Roosevelt as against Taft and La Follette. This is admitted by North Dakota Republicans, among them Representative L. B. Hanna, who said:

"It would not be accurate to say that North Dakota Republicans are opposed to the nomination of President Taft. There are many Republicans who are against him, some of whom are against him because they are for La Follette. There are others who are against him because they are for Roosevelt. There is an unbroken line of Canadian reciprocity. There is unbroken sentiment in our State, and if the former President would consent to become a candidate he would sweep North Dakota. Colonel Roosevelt is known in North Dakota better than he is in most States. For he lived on a ranch in that State for years. I think there is no doubt that Roosevelt could get the North Dakota delegation and that he surely would carry the State in the election."

Roosevelt's popularity in North Dakota is conceded by the La Follette managers. They are apprehensive that his name will be used in the presidential primary to be held in that State in March. Under the North Dakota law a petition signed by Republican voters to the number of 1 per cent of the vote cast at the last election would make any man a candidate for the presidency in the primary, so far

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As North Dakota is concerned, in the Congress elections of 1910 50,000 Republican votes were polled in North Dakota. It would thus take only 500 voters to make Colonel Roosevelt a candidate before the Republicans of the State. The La Follette leaders would like to see the former President note his disapproval of any movement in North Dakota to bring him into the race. Colonel Roosevelt has not conferred the election of his friends in Nebraska, and doubt he expresses that he will do anything in the case of North Dakota.

Oregon Republicans, according to information received here, are strong for Roosevelt. The Republican time. It is the general belief that Mr. La Follette would lose ground there if he were to announce that he was not a candidate before the Republicans of the State. The suspicion is that Mr. La Follette is not a candidate before the Republicans of the State. The suspicion is that Mr. La Follette is not a candidate before the Republicans of the State.

But the La Follette movement will be held in check. Roosevelt soon makes it clear that he is not a candidate next year is generally admitted. The friends of the Wisconsin Senator will be going to the La Follette headquarters until prominence was given to the name of Roosevelt in 1912. Since then the La Follette movement has been in a state of uncertainty, as Republicans identified with the regular party.

In the meantime Senator La Follette is going a head with his campaign. He will soon start for Indiana and Ohio, where he will deliver a series of speeches, in which he will outline his platform. Upon his return to Wisconsin he will present his platform to the Wisconsin Legislature. Those that are to be passed by the Wisconsin House. Mr. La Follette's platform upon which he is going before the Republican National Convention of 1912 as a presidential candidate.

WILL ABSORB LANDMARK

Virginia-Pilot Sold to Have Bought Morning Contemporary.

Norfolk, Va., December 24.—All the employees of the Norfolk Landmark, a long established newspaper, have been notified that their services will not be required after January 1 next. It is reported that the Virginia-Pilot has acquired control and will merge the papers. There appears every reason to believe that this is true.

Sandridge—Sandridge.

Miss "Pumpkin" Sandridge, daughter of James E. Sandridge, of Meekins River, this county, and Joseph Rollo Sandridge were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's brother, John Sandridge. Her only attendance was Miss Lucy W. Stratridge, brother of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Sandridge left for Covington, to visit relatives of the bride.

Wood—Carroll.

T. Raymond Wood, of Park City, and Miss Evelyn Carroll, of this county, were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, the Rev. Gilby C. Kelly, D. D., officiating.

Killed in Street Fight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—In a street fight to-night in Arlington, Bradley Henry, a liverman, was shot and killed by Policeman Clark. Joe Henry, a brother of Bradley Henry, was also shot, but is not believed to be fatally injured.

WILL CELEBRATE HOLLY FESTIVAL

Organization Seeks to Check Wanton Destruction of Beautiful Trees.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—The recent editorial in The Times-Dispatch on the preservation of the holly trees was highly appreciated by many people in the Northern Neck, especially by those who for many seasons past have been endeavoring to prevent the wholesale destruction of these trees that add so much to the beauty of the forests of this region during the winter season. Some years ago an organization was formed here in Lancaster, with headquarters at the ancient village of Kilmarnock, to educate the people against the wanton destruction of the holly trees that had been going on for many years. Every winter thousands of holly trees with branches of holly were shipped to Northern and Western markets from this region, and in some sections there holly trees had been plentiful one could ride for miles through the forests without seeing a holly tree filled with berries. The organization of which John A. Palmer, of Kilmarnock, was the moving spirit, has done much to arrest this wanton destruction of the holly trees of this section. To add to the element of romance to the organization a holly festival is celebrated every Christmas week at Kilmarnock, when some young woman is elected "queen of the holly realm" and crowned with impressive ceremonies. The coronation is followed by a ball and banquet, and the occasion is now the great social event of the Christmas season in the lower counties of the Northern Neck of Virginia.

The celebration of the holly festival is to take place next Wednesday, and extensive preparations are being made to make it the most successful and brilliant affair in the history of the organization. Miss Agnes Palmer, of Kilmarnock, is the reigning queen, and her minister has sent out a proclamation commanding all her loyal subjects to attend the celebration, which will take place next Wednesday evening in the Castle of Kilmarnock. It is expected that the contest for the queenship will be animated, and a great crowd will attend.

The United States revenue cutter Apache has been cruising during the past week in the waters of the Rappahannock and its tributaries, examining motor boats to see if they are complying with the national regulations. Some of the boats were found to be improperly equipped with lights and life preservers, for which fines have been imposed on their owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dunaway, of Richmond; Ralph and Cyrus Chilton, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Miss Alice Chilton, of the Fredericksburg High School, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and friends.

LOVE LETTER IS FOUND AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Failure to Mail It Interrupts Romance, but Its Discovery in Old Coat Brings It to Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Winchester, Va., December 24.—A letter written over twenty years ago to R. S. Schmidt, formerly of Baltimore, but now a wealthy fruit-grower near Winchester, to his sweetheart, in which he "popped" the matrimonial question, and which was found in Schmidt's overcoat pocket by a tailor has been the means of closing a romance which sounds like fiction, but is nevertheless true as gospel.

Miss Augusta Jacobs, who was formerly Schmidt's bride, who was formerly of Winchester, Pa., are now celebrating the Christmas holidays at their home in Frederick county.

The chances are Mr. Schmidt would have been married to his first love years ago had he not forgotten to mail the letter of proposal. In the meantime, the bride has had two husbands and the bridegroom one wife.

Until her last wedding the bride was known in Winchester as Mrs. Fredrick Gallion, superintendent of the Pen Mar Water Company, and she divorced him three years ago. From that time until her marriage to Mr. Schmidt she supported herself by working in Winchester, although she owned a comfortable home and had a bank account.

As Miss Augusta Jacobs, she came to this country from Williams Haven, Germany, and located in Baltimore, where she had numerous suitors, one of whom was R. S. Schmidt, a fellow-countryman, who was starting to make his fortune in the New World. He wooed the fair German girl ardently and determined to win her heart and

CONGRESS WILL HAVE SURFEIT OF BILLS

Democrats and Republicans on Ways and Means Committee Preparing Tariff Measures, and Smoot Is Writing One.

Washington, December 24.—Congress is to have a surfeit of bills revising the woolen tariff schedules, and a hard fight for supremacy in the passage of such legislation is assured to begin immediately following the holiday recess.

Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee, under the direction of Representative Underwood, the chairman, all have been given the preparation of a bill; the Republican members of the committee also are preparing a wool bill, and to-night Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the Finance Committee, announced his approval of the Tariff Board's report on the woolen schedules, and declared that he, too, would prepare a bill.

Pleased With Report.

"I am pleased with the Tariff Board's report on schedule K," said Senator Smoot in announcing his purpose, "and hope that the findings of that board will be accepted by the American people, coming as they do from a non-partisan body."

Asserting that a wool bill can be prepared upon the facts submitted that will not interfere materially with the woolen industry as now established and maintained "by the Republican policy of protection," Senator Smoot continued:

"I will prepare a bill in which the rates of duty imposed will equal the difference of the cost of producing wool and the manufactures of wool in this country and foreign countries based upon the Tariff Board's report."

After an analysis of the report Senator Smoot submitted for consideration of the public the following ideas as to the revision necessary in the woolen schedule:

"The report shows that fine and fine medium wools, which represent nearly 50 per cent of our domestic clip, costs to produce from 11 cents to 12 cents per pound. The remaining 20 per cent, being the coarser grades, costs less. Australia and New Zealand produce great quantities of wool that comes into competition with American fine and fine medium wools, and costs 'net' to produce, according to the board's report, nothing, as the profits from the sale of mutton and sheep for stocking other runs pay in a normal year the entire station expenses."

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to be correct. I have made the statement time and time again that there was no combination in control of prices in the woolen and worsted industry; that under the fierce competitive conditions the difference between prices here and abroad of fabrics, as sold at the mill depends upon the difference in the cost of production rather than upon the amount of duty. The report proves my statement correct. I have always claimed that the American manufacturer is compelled by competition to sell his goods at a profit of from 5 cents to 10 cents per yard. The report shows a fair average of profit to the manufacturer to be 63-10 cents per yard. I have always claimed that the profit made by the manufacturer of the cloth to suit of clothes did not exceed 20 cents to 25 cents. The report supports that claim. The wicked statement sent broadcast that the present tariff law added \$5 to each suit of clothes sold to the American people is proven false by the report.

"The revision of schedule K along the lines I have suggested will make a fairly protective bill for the wool-grower and woolen manufacturer and eliminate all the needless and useless high rates of duty on the low grade shoddy mixed goods."

No Democratic Approval.

Senator Smoot's bill undoubtedly will not meet the approval of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee, as Chairman Underwood already has announced that he did not favor the President's suggestion of levying duties on wool by a single cent. The bill, however, is expected to be passed by the House bill to be proposed by the majority of the committee probably would include additional duties, as in the bill passed last summer and vetoed by President Taft. Representative Payne, ranking Republican member, and his Republican colleagues on the Finance Committee, are drafting a bill to be based, as will be Senator Smoot's, upon the Tariff Board's report. It is reported they will have the co-operation of the administration and the House bill is expected to pass very little from the Smoot bill. The Democratic bill, on the other hand, will be based partly upon the Tariff Board's figures and partly upon statistics collected by the majority members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Approves Taft's Plan.

I approve of the President's suggested plan of levying duties on wool by a single specific duty based upon the secured value of the wool, and not classified as first and second class and thrown together with one rate imposed on third-class, or carpet wools at another and lower rate.

"These facts ascertained and a plan agreed upon it is easy to determine the rate of duty necessary to protect the American wool grower. If the difference in cost of producing wools, other than carpet and the lower grades, in this country and abroad is, say, only 5 cents per pound, and the average shrinkage of fine and fine medium wools imported and under this plan still heavier shrinkage wools to be hereafter imported is only 55 per cent, then the actual rate of duty on the secured value of content should be 20 cents per pound."

"The wool grower thinks it ought to be more and should be based upon the shrinkage of our natural average of 60 per cent. Instead of the average of imported wools. I will support a single rate of duty, based on the secured content of wool of the first and second class, and not based upon the content of the wool as per pound as content, that the wool grower will receive as much protection as he now receives, based upon the 11 cents per pound in the grease or a supposed protection of 33 cents on each secured pound."

"The limited amount of carpet wools grown in this country is shown for the most part from fleeces maintained principally for their mutton value. The rate of duty on carpet wools, therefore, should be considered more from a revenue basis than a protective one, and, in my opinion, the rate of duty on carpet wools ought to be 10 cents per pound on the secured wool content."

"If the proposed system of a single specific duty based upon the secured content is adopted no division or branch of the woolen industry can truthfully claim to be discriminated against, for all will pay a uniform rate of 20 cents per pound on the secured content of the wools imported of the first and second classes and 10 cents per pound on third-class or carpet wools."

"The compensatory duty levied upon a specific duty of 27 cents per pound being the 20 cents levied on secured wool, and 7 cents' allowance for loss in manufacturing the wool into cloth instead of 44 cents, as provided in the present mixed goods clause, is more than 40 cents per pound and a graduated scale of ad valorem duties to equal the difference of cost of production in this country and abroad."

Not Far From Right.

"Barred the prohibitive rates on low-grade mixed goods caused by the specific duty of 44 cents, but not taken advantage of by the American manufacturer, as shown by the Tariff Board's report, the ad valorem rates of the present law are not far from being right. The great bulk of the woolen and worsted fabrics used by the American people, but in the future the rates must be graduated so as to not overprotect the lower grades of mixed fabrics."

"I have always contended that the cost of converting wool into woolen and worsted goods in this country costs 100 per cent, to 150 per cent, more than in England. The report sustains my contention. I have always claimed there are no 'advantages' in the way of labor-saving devices and machinery in this country as compared with foreign countries; that the efficiency of our workers was no greater, but certain instances less than in England. The report proves my claim

Harnsberger—Hanner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Charlottesville, Va., December 24.—Miss Harnsberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanner, of Wilbur Trout Harnsberger, of Baltimore, was married at 6 o'clock last evening in the Hanner home in Preston Heights, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Gilby C. Kelly, D. D., of the First Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Harnsberger will reside at Franklin.

Miller—Moore.

Miss Margie J. Moore, daughter of C. Vernon Moore, and Charles G. Miller, both of this city, were married last night at Grace Episcopal Church by Rev. Edgar Carpenter. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Stella Moore, and the groom had for his best man George A. Harlow.

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FLAMES DESTROY NEWSPAPER PLANT

Purcellville Has Fire, and Nothing Is Saved From Ruined Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Leesburg, Va., December 24.—Fire of an origin destroyed the plant of the Blue Ridge News, at Purcellville, on Tuesday night, and the dental office of Dr. Davis, which was in the same building. The blaze was discovered about 11 o'clock in the morning room of the printing office, which had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything, and the entire plant is a complete loss. Dr. Davis's loss was also heavy, nothing being saved from his office.

The loss on the building and contents is about \$5,000, which was only partially covered by insurance. The building belonged to Dr. Davis. Mrs. Emma Tavenner, wife of Alpheus Tavenner, of Lincoln, this county, died suddenly at her home in that town on Thursday morning of heart failure, aged sixty-two years. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and two sons, as follows: Mrs. Charles W. Ruddy and Miss Bertie Tavenner, of Missouri; Mrs. Robert H. Orrison, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Howard Birdsall, of Round Hill, and John and Claude Tavenner, of Lincoln. One sister, Mrs. Levi White, of Washington, D. C., also survives.

W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway, has purchased the estate of ninety acres, known as "Loretta," on the Bethel Road, about two miles from Warrenton, of John S. Gaines. It is understood that President and Mrs. Finley will take possession soon and

News of Petersburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Phone 1435.

Petersburg, Va., December 24.—Conditions were lively on the streets until midnight last night. Stores were open until a late hour to accommodate belated purchasers, and revelers with their horns and bells and fireworks crowded the streets, making merry and joining in the din of noises.

During the afternoon many hundreds of baskets of provisions and Christmas good things were distributed to the poor through the agencies of the King's Daughters, the Salvation Army and other organized charities, and by private effort. Not one family in need, as far as known, was omitted in the distribution. And through the agency of the Empty Stomach Club, the St. Ann's society, other churches and others, well filled stockings were hung to-night for every poor child in the city. The season, too, was marked with an unusual degree of generosity and kindly feeling, evidenced by the giving of good food to the poor.

Music in the Churches.

The music in the churches to-day was unusually beautiful, and in many of them elaborate, and of high order of excellence. Though the weather was mild and agreeable, the congregations generally were large.

Interesting Family Reunion.

An interesting family reunion will be held to-morrow at the residence of Fred Plicher, on West Washington Street. Many relatives will be gathered together. Mr. Plicher, D. D., of Phoebus, his ten children, and his six sons and daughters-in-law. Dr. Plicher, the head of the family, is a distinguished Baptist divine, known throughout Virginia for his work in the church and his Sunday school. For many years he was a resident of Petersburg.

To Fix Rate of Tolls.

The Matocna Bridge Company, Inc., will make application to the State Corporation Commission next week to have the rates fixed to be charged for crossing the new bridge over the Appomattox between Matocna and Fernside Park. The toll rates to be charged have been agreed on by the company, and the Corporation Commission is to be asked to approve and legalize the rates. The bridge will be ready for traffic next week.

Personal and General.

Rev. W. B. McIlwain and wife, of Asheboro, N. C., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. McIlwain, in this city.

Miss Robert L. Brunet and Miss Lucille Davis left to-day for Victoria, B. C., to spend Christmas week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walker, of Coggin Hall, on James River, in Prince George county, are entertaining a large house party during the holidays.

Mr. Robert L. Brunet, of Newark, N. J., and Dr. Walter M. Brunet, senior house physician of Gouverneur Hospital, New York, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Brunet, on Harrison Street.

Fell into hands of thieves.

Charles Green, a colored citizen of Blackstone, came to Petersburg yesterday. This morning he was found chilled and semi-conscious in St. Paul's Alley. He had probably been drinking

Reed—Harris.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Alexandria, Va., December 24.—The marriage of Miss Helen Vannie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris, and Leonard Reed, both of this city, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, 226 North Columbus Street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Vessels Collide in Fog.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Norfolk, Va., December 24.—The Mail Line steamer Arotua was in a collision in the fog at 5 o'clock this morning off the coast of Hatteras with the barkentine Mabel Myers. While slightly damaged, both vessels proceeded towards their destination after lying to for a short while.

Receivers Making Out Checks.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Alexandria, Va., December 24.—On January 15 next the sum of \$50,000 will be sent out in checks to depositors in the defunct Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation. This will represent a second dividend of 10 per cent, which was recently ordered by the Corporation Court of this city. The receivers are now engaged in the work of making out the checks.

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spend a large part of their time there. Carroll Brown and Miss Isabella D. Pinner, both of lower Loudoun, were married at Daysville, this county, on Wednesday.

"Scalesby," the new \$500,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Gilpin, near Boyce, Clarke county, has been completed, and is one of the Handsome country homes in Virginia. The house is modeled and named from Scalesby Castle, in England, the original home of the Gilpins.

A carp weighing thirty-nine pounds was caught recently in the Potomac River near Brunswick.

Ample provision for farm demonstration work, to include not only corn growing, but also fruit, grass and other farm production, was made by the Loudoun county Board of Supervisors last week. An appropriation of \$300 for next year was made, to which will be added a similar amount from State funds. H. M. Hoge, the present demonstration agent, was chosen to continue the work. T. O. Sandy, State demonstration agent, came from his home in Burkville to attend and identify Fairfax and other leading Loudoun county citizens appeared in behalf of the work. Loudoun's appropriation of \$300 is the largest yet made by any of the forty counties in the State which have taken up the demonstration work.

The December term of the Loudoun County Circuit Court, Judge E. S. Turner presiding, adjourned for the holidays on Thursday last, and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 2, 1912, to complete the business of the December term.

FIGHT ON "TRUST" FAR FROM ENDED

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too freely, but this was not all. He had been robbed of his money, his hat, coat, pants and shoes, and left almost naked on the ground, exposed to the rain and cold.

Charged With Larceny.

John Marks, a young white man, was arrested to-day on the charge of complicity with William Smith, on yesterday, in the larceny of a watch from the person of T. C. Carter, in the public street. The watch was found in Marks's possession.

Cut His Wife.

David Logan and his wife, negroes, quarreled last night, and the woman was cut in the leg by her husband. Wound is not serious, and Logan is under arrest.

FIGHT ON "TRUST" FAR FROM ENDED

the government in this long litigation the net result has been to fortify the trust more strongly than ever. The reorganization plan split the American Tobacco Company into four separate concerns, but the stock of these four concerns is still held by the same men who were found guilty of having violated the law. Does any sane man think these four companies are going to compete with one another? It is too absurd to talk about. There can be no genuine competition under the plan approved by the United States Supreme Court. It is the only course left open to us, now that Attorney-General Wickersham has refused appeal."

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